

Commerce Connections

What will it take to grow jobs in Washington?

Join an open discussion hosted by Commerce Director Rogers Weed

Jobs, jobs, jobs - the economic outlook for Washington state and our nation continues to be extremely challenging. Tough times can also spark the best, most innovative ideas for moving Washington forward.

We invite you to come **learn more about the state economic picture**, the budget process now underway and the federal Recovery Act at work in Washington. We'll also share a progress report from Commerce and **gather your ideas and feedback** to inform the agency's Strategic Plan and improve our service delivery.

Director Weed will also lead individual discussions on key policy questions from the perspectives of Commerce's main customer groups: businesses and economic development groups, local governments, and community-based organizations. Potential topics include funding tourism and economic development in the future, restoring infrastructure investment, updating the state energy strategy, redesigning WorkFirst, and others.

Commerce Connections 2010 Schedule of Events

Aug. 19 - Longview

Aug. 20 - Tacoma

Aug. 25 - *Special Event hosted by Greater Spokane Inc.*

Aug. 27 - Walla Walla

Aug. 31 - Port Angeles

Register now for one of these interactive meetings led by Commerce Director Rogers Weed by placing your mouse over the Click here to register link located on the right side of this page under Upcoming Events.

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To read more about the Department of Commerce and outcomes of 2009 Commerce Connections, [click here](#).

To share your thoughts with us any time, e-mail connections@commerce.wa.gov

Upcoming Events

Commerce Connections
Aug. 19 - Longview
Longview City Hall
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Commerce Connections
Aug. 20 - Tacoma
UW - Tacoma Campus
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Commerce Connections
Aug. 27 - Walla Walla
Conference Room
Walla Walla Airport
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Commerce Connections
Aug. 31 - Port Angeles
Council Chambers
City of Port Angeles
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